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1. The editor-in-chief and general manager of the Allgemeiner Deutscher Nachrichtendienst (ADN) is reported to be (fnu) Krüger, who was with Wilhelm Pieck in Moscow. Krüger speaks fluent Russian.
2. The Russian division of ADN is now being built up and is under the direction of (fnu) Hube, about 60 years old, a former Czarist officer, who is said to have been active as a journalist for more than 40 years.
3. The total number of employees of the ADN is now 400. The Russian division has 10 employees at present: one Yugoslav, one Tartar, three Russian emigrants, one Pole, and four Germans. Eight more persons are being employed in the Russian division, each of whom will handle a separate field. Their salaries will be RM 1,000 per month, plus a tax-free bonus of RM 500 per month. In addition, these employees will be allowed to make weekly purchases in a Russian store without ration points. The goods available will be mainly food.
4. The Russian division is to have eight branches, to be headed by an editor-translator. Each branch will have one typist. The branches will handle fields such as politics, economics, technical questions, science, culture and art, sport, social problems, etc. Material will be obtained from foreign and German press agencies and from reports of staff members. The articles will be translated into Russian and channeled to TASS, as well as to other Russian offices.
5. TASS dispatches must comprise at least 65 percent of the foreign news dispatches supplied to German newspapers. The remainder may come from other foreign sources. News dispatches from foreign press agencies will be reworked before release according to directives of the "Agitprop" in Berlin. Internal German dispatches will be supplied primarily from Russian-licensed newspapers.
6. The ADN's so-called department of censorship of political reports is composed of a Russian Lt. Col. and several Russian civilians.

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